
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report: (Date of earliest event reported): May 1, 2017

Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-13926
(Commission
file number)

76-0321760
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**15415 Katy Freeway
Houston, Texas 77094**
(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

(281) 492-5300
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 1, 2017, Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2017. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

A conference call to discuss the Company’s earnings results has been scheduled for 7:30 a.m. Central Time on May 1, 2017. The information for accessing the conference call is included in the press release.

The Company hereby incorporates by reference into this Item 7.01 the summary report of the status, as of May 1, 2017, of the Company’s offshore drilling rigs attached as Exhibit 99.2.

The information contained in Items 2.02 and 7.01 and Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 to this report shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and shall not be incorporated by reference into any previous or future registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), unless specifically identified therein as being incorporated by reference.

Statements in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, statements in the summary report furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this report and statements made during the conference call described in this report that are not historical facts are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning drilling rig deliveries, operations and timing; contract effectiveness, effective dates and estimated duration; plans regarding retirement and scrapping of drilling rigs; future impairments; future dividends; expectations of future backlog, revenue, operating costs and performance; future liquidity, financial condition, market conditions, commodity prices and strategic opportunities; revenue expected to result from backlog; future credit ratings; future dayrates, future status, start and end dates and future contracts and availability; future contract opportunities and termination rights; contract noncompliance by customers and other third parties; letters of intent; utilization, surveys, downtime and other aspects of the Company’s drilling rigs; customer discussions and outcomes thereof and the impact of these and related events on the Company’s operations and revenues; future impact of regulations; future outcome of litigation; and other statements that are not of historical fact. Forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain and subject to a variety of assumptions, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those currently anticipated or expected by management of the Company. A discussion of the risk factors and other considerations that could materially impact these matters as well as the Company’s overall business and financial performance can be found in the Company’s reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and readers of this report are urged to review those reports carefully when considering these forward-looking statements. These risk factors include, among others, risks associated with worldwide demand for drilling services, level of activity in the oil and gas industry, renewing or replacing expired or terminated contracts, contract cancellations and terminations, maintenance and realization of backlog, competition and industry fleet capacity, impairments and retirements, operating risks, changes in tax laws and rates, regulatory initiatives and compliance with governmental regulations,

construction of new builds, casualty losses and various other factors, many of which are beyond the Company’s control. Given these risk factors and other considerations, investors and analysts should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Each forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date of such statement, and the Company expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in the Company’s expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) *Exhibits.*

<u>Exhibit number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated May 1, 2017
99.2	Rig Status Report as of May 1, 2017

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 1, 2017

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID L. ROLAND

David L. Roland

Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary



DIAMOND
OFFSHORE

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Diamond Offshore Announces First Quarter 2017 Results

- Net income of \$24 million, or \$0.17 per diluted share

HOUSTON, May 1, 2017 — Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc. (NYSE: DO) today reported results for the first quarter of 2017.

<i>Thousands of dollars, except per share data</i>	Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	Change
Total revenues	\$ 374,226	\$ 391,874	(5)%
Operating income	50,859	104,145	(51)%
Net income	23,539	116,082	(80)%
Earnings per diluted share	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.85	(80)%

“Despite a continually challenging market, Diamond Offshore achieved earnings per share of \$0.17 for the first quarter of 2017,” said Marc Edwards, President and Chief Executive Officer. “Overall, I am pleased with our first quarter results and our ability to manage costs, while remaining focused on maintaining our operational and technical excellence. The *Ocean GreatWhite*, *Ocean Scepter* and the *Ocean BlackRhino* all commenced term contracts in the first quarter, enhancing our already strong liquidity.” Edwards went on to say, “during the first quarter, the *Ocean BlackLion* successfully drilled and completed one of the deepest and most complex wells on record in the Gulf of Mexico.”

Also during the quarter, the Company executed new contracts for the *Ocean Monarch* in Australia, the first of which is scheduled to commence in late first quarter of 2018. Combined, these contracts add nine months of backlog and will keep the *Ocean Monarch* contracted through 2018. Additionally, the Company executed a new two-year term contract with Apache for the *Ocean Patriot* in the North Sea. The rig is scheduled to commence its new program in the second quarter of 2018.

As of March 31, 2017, the Company’s total contracted backlog was \$3.2 billion, which represents 23 rig years of work.

CONFERENCE CALL

A conference call to discuss Diamond Offshore’s earnings results has been scheduled for 7:30 a.m. CDT today. A live webcast of the call will be available online on the Company’s website, www.diamondoffshore.com. Those interested in participating in the question and answer session should dial 844-492-6043 or 478-219-0839, for international callers. The conference ID number is 1792549. An online replay will also be available on www.diamondoffshore.com following the call.

ABOUT DIAMOND OFFSHORE

Diamond Offshore is a leader in offshore drilling, providing contract drilling services to the energy industry around the globe. Additional information and access to the Company's SEC filings are available at www.diamondoffshore.com. Diamond Offshore is owned 53% by Loews Corporation (NYSE: L).

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended, March 31,	
	2017	2016
Revenues:		
Contract drilling	\$363,557	\$443,523
Revenues related to reimbursable expenses	10,669	27,020
Total revenues	<u>374,226</u>	<u>470,543</u>
Operating expenses:		
Contract drilling, excluding depreciation	203,523	212,841
Reimbursable expenses	10,478	26,791
Depreciation	93,229	104,240
General and administrative	17,483	15,398
Gain on disposition of assets	(1,346)	(296)
Total operating expenses	<u>323,367</u>	<u>358,974</u>
Operating income	50,859	111,569
Other income (expense):		
Interest income	175	173
Interest expense	(27,596)	(25,516)
Foreign currency transaction gain (loss)	1,087	(3,608)
Other, net	(63)	578
Income before income tax (expense) benefit	24,462	83,196
Income tax (expense) benefit	(923)	4,229
Net income	<u>\$ 23,539</u>	<u>\$ 87,425</u>
Income per share	<u>\$ 0.17</u>	<u>\$ 0.64</u>
Weighted-average shares outstanding:		
Shares of common stock	137,173	137,162
Dilutive potential shares of common stock	77	44
Total weighted-average shares outstanding	<u>137,250</u>	<u>137,206</u>

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended		
	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	March 31, 2016
REVENUES			
Floaters:			
Ultra-Deepwater	\$243,465	\$ 231,820	\$ 325,961
Deepwater	67,943	64,678	59,117
Mid-Water	48,285	88,130	47,672
Total Floaters	359,693	384,628	432,750
Jack-ups	3,864	18	10,773
Total Contract Drilling Revenue	<u>363,557</u>	<u>384,646</u>	<u>\$ 443,523</u>
Revenues Related to Reimbursable Expenses	<u>\$ 10,669</u>	<u>\$ 7,228</u>	<u>\$ 27,020</u>
CONTRACT DRILLING EXPENSE			
Floaters:			
Ultra-Deepwater	\$141,873	\$ 119,490	\$ 123,736
Deepwater	33,080	30,481	47,509
Mid-Water	19,267	16,814	23,884
Total Floaters	194,220	166,785	195,129
Jack-ups	5,323	3,090	6,055
Other	3,980	4,467	11,657
Total Contract Drilling Expense	<u>\$203,523</u>	<u>\$ 174,342</u>	<u>\$ 212,841</u>
Reimbursable Expenses	<u>\$ 10,478</u>	<u>\$ 6,775</u>	<u>\$ 26,791</u>
OPERATING INCOME			
Floaters:			
Ultra-Deepwater	\$101,592	\$ 112,330	\$ 202,225
Deepwater	34,863	34,197	11,608
Mid-Water	29,018	71,316	23,788
Total Floaters	165,473	217,843	237,621
Jack-ups	(1,459)	(3,072)	4,718
Other	(3,980)	(4,467)	(11,657)
Reimbursable expenses, net	191	453	229
Depreciation	(93,229)	(86,031)	(104,240)
General and administrative expense	(17,483)	(14,786)	(15,398)
Bad debt recovery	—	265	—
Gain (loss) on disposition of assets	1,346	(6,060)	296
Total Operating Income	<u>\$ 50,859</u>	<u>\$ 104,145</u>	<u>\$ 111,569</u>

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 123,316	\$ 156,233
Marketable securities	24	35
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for bad debts	286,408	247,028
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	105,355	102,111
Asset held for sale	400	400
Total current assets	515,503	505,807
Drilling and other property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	5,616,367	5,726,935
Other assets	137,073	139,135
Total assets	<u>\$6,268,943</u>	<u>\$6,371,877</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Short-term borrowings	\$ —	\$ 104,200
Other current liabilities	201,583	236,299
Long-term debt	1,981,169	1,980,884
Deferred tax liability	191,594	197,011
Other liabilities	120,602	103,349
Stockholders' equity	3,773,995	3,750,134
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$6,268,943</u>	<u>\$6,371,877</u>

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 23,539	\$ 87,425
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	93,229	104,240
Deferred tax provision	(5,988)	(45,254)
Other	17,367	19,957
Net changes in operating working capital	(29,471)	74,962
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>98,676</u>	<u>241,330</u>
Investing activities:		
Capital expenditures (including rig construction)	(29,487)	(58,114)
Proceeds from disposition of assets, net of disposal costs	2,097	113,295
Other	11	11
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	<u>(27,379)</u>	<u>55,192</u>
Financing activities:		
Repayment of short-term borrowings, net	(104,200)	(286,589)
Other	(14)	(33)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(104,214)</u>	<u>(286,622)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(32,917)</u>	<u>9,900</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	156,233	119,028
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u><u>\$ 123,316</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 128,928</u></u>

DIAMOND OFFSHORE DRILLING, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
AVERAGE DAYRATE, UTILIZATION AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY
(Dayrate in thousands)

	First Quarter 2017			Fourth Quarter 2016			First Quarter 2016		
	Average Dayrate (1)	Utilization (2)	Operational Efficiency (3)	Average Dayrate (1)	Utilization (2)	Operational Efficiency (3)	Average Dayrate (1)	Utilization (2)	Operational Efficiency (3)
Ultra-Deepwater Floaters	\$ 450	50%	91.1%	\$ 456	49%	92.0%	\$ 533	61%	98.4%
Deepwater Floaters	\$ 260	48%	96.6%	\$ 287	39%	92.1%	\$ 334	28%	97.1%
Mid-Water floaters	\$ 268	40%	100.0%	\$ 478	35%	99.9%	\$ 263	25%	97.7%
Jack-ups	\$ 75	29%	99.9%	—	—	—	\$ 118	18%	100.0%
Fleet Total			94.3%			93.5%			98.2%

- (1) Average dayrate is defined as contract drilling revenue for all of the specified rigs in our fleet per revenue-earning day. A revenue-earning day is defined as a 24-hour period during which a rig earns a dayrate after commencement of operations and excludes mobilization, demobilization and contract preparation days.
- (2) Utilization is calculated as the ratio of total revenue-earning days divided by the total calendar days in the period for all specified rigs in our fleet (including cold-stacked rigs, but excluding rigs under construction). Our current fleet includes four ultra-deepwater, three deepwater and three mid-water semisubmersible rigs that are cold stacked.
- (3) Operational efficiency is calculated as the ratio of total revenue-earning days divided by the sum of total revenue-earning days plus the number of days (or portions thereof) associated with unanticipated equipment downtime.



Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.

Rig Status Report

May 01, 2017

Updated information noted in bold print

RECENT COMMITMENTS (See Body of Report For Contract Details)**Ocean Monarch****Ocean Patriot**

Rig Name	Water Depth ¹ (feet)	Type ²	Year ³ Built	Location	Operator	Contract Dayrate (USD)	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	Status	Downtime ⁴ 2Q17 E	Comments
Totals:										36	
Gulf of Mexico											
Ocean BlackHawk	12,000	DS 15K DP	2014	US GOM	Anadarko	495,000	late May 2014	mid Jun 2019	5-year term + unpriced option	2	
Ocean BlackHornet	12,000	DS 15K DP	2014	US GOM	Anadarko	495,000	mid Apr 2015	mid Apr 2020	5-year term + unpriced option	5	
Ocean BlackRhino	12,000	DS 15K DP	2014	US GOM	Hess	400,000	mid Feb 2017	mid Feb 2020	3-year term + unpriced options		
Ocean BlackLion	12,000	DS 15K DP	2015	US GOM	Hess	400,000	mid Feb 2016	mid Feb 2020	4-year term + unpriced options		
Ocean Scepter	350	JU 15K IC	2008	Mexico	Fieldwood	Undisclosed	mid Feb 2017	mid Oct 2017	1 well + 1 option well	10	
North Sea / Mediterranean / W. Africa											
Ocean Guardian	1,500	SS 15K	1985	UK					Warm Stacked		
Ocean Patriot	3,000	SS 15K	1983	UK	Shell	400,511	late Oct 2014	late Oct 2017	3-year term		
				UK	Apache	Undisclosed	early Jun 2018	early Jun 2020	2-year term + options		
Ocean Valiant	5,500	SS 15K	1988	UK	Maersk	Undisclosed	early Nov 2016	early Feb 2018	13 Wells + priced options		
Australasia											
Ocean Apex	6,000	SS 15K	2014	Australia	Woodside Energy	285,000	mid May 2016	mid Nov 2017	18-month term		
				Australia	Woodside Energy	205,000	mid Nov 2017	mid Feb 2018	3-month extension		
Ocean Monarch	10,000	SS 15K	2008	Australia	BHP	—	mid Jan 2017	early Jun 2017	Contract Prep, Special Survey & Mobilization		
				Australia	BHP	Undisclosed	early Jun 2017	late Sept 2017	13 Wells + unpriced option		
				Australia	Cooper Energy	Undisclosed	early Mar 2018	late Jun 2018			
				Australia	Origin Energy	Undisclosed	late Jun 2018	late Nov 2018	4 Wells		
Ocean GreatWhite	10,000	SS 15K DP	2016	Malaysia	BP	Undisclosed	mid Jan 2017	mid Jan 2020	3-year term + 2 x 1-year priced options		
South America											
Ocean Victory	5,500	SS 15K	1997	Trinidad	BP	398,000	early May 2015	mid May 2017	2-year term + 1-year unpriced option	10	
Ocean Courage	10,000	SS 15K DP	2009	Brazil	Petrobras	455,000	late Oct 2015	late Feb 2018	3-year extension	4	
Ocean Valor	10,000	SS 15K DP	2009	Brazil	Petrobras	380,000	late Feb 2018	late Jul 2020	Term extension		
						455,000	early Jul 2016	mid Oct 2018	Pending Litigation	5	Rig on standby rate
COLD STACKED											
Ocean Nomad	1,200	SS	1975	UK	—	—	—	—	Stacked		
Ocean Princess	1,500	SS 15K	1975	UK	—	—	—	—	Stacked		
Ocean Vanguard	1,500	SS 15K	1982	UK	—	—	—	—	Stacked		
Ocean Alliance	5,250	SS 15K DP	1988	US GOM	—	—	—	—	Stacked		
Ocean America	5,500	SS 15K	1988	Malaysia	—	—	—	—	Stacked		
Ocean Onyx	6,000	SS 15K	2014	US GOM	—	—	—	—	Stacked		
Ocean Baroness	8,000	SS 15K	2002	US GOM	—	—	—	—	Stacked		
Ocean Rover	8,000	SS 15K	2003	Malaysia	—	—	—	—	Stacked		
Ocean Confidence	10,000	SS 15K DP	2001	Canary Islands	—	—	—	—	Stacked		
Ocean Endeavor	10,000	SS 15K	2007	Italy	—	—	—	—	Stacked		
Held For Sale											

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NOTES

(1.) Water Depth refers to the rig's rated operating water depth capability. Often, rigs are capable of drilling or have drilled in greater water depths.

(2.) Rig Type and capabilities: JU=Jack-up; SS=Semisubmersible; DS=Drillship; 15K=15,000 PSI Well-Control System; DP=Dynamically Positioned Rig; IC=Independent-Leg Cantilevered Rig.

(3.) Year Built represents when rig was built and originally placed in service or year redelivered with significant enhancements that enabled the rig to be classified within a different floater category than when originally constructed.

(4.) Downtime only includes downtime periods that as of this report date are experienced, or have been planned and estimable and/or do not necessarily reflect actual downtime experienced. Additional downtime may be experienced in the form of possible mobes for new jobs not yet contracted, possible acceptance testing at new jobs, and unplanned maintenance and repairs. Survey start times may also be accelerated or delayed for various reasons.

General Notes

Average Utilization: Assume rates of 92% for DP units, 95% for conventionally moored rigs, and 97% for jack-ups. Rig utilization rates can be adversely impacted by additional downtime due to unscheduled repairs and maintenance, and other factors.

Options should be assumed to be unpriced unless otherwise indicated.

Dayrates exclude amortized revenue related to amounts earned for certain activities, such as move, demove, contract preparation, etc.

Survey Costs: During surveys, normal operating expense will be incurred, plus additional costs.

US GOM=U.S. Gulf of Mexico

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